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ON RIGID DISK MEDIA FOR MAGNETIC RECORDINGS"**

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RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATION MAILED 3/22/04

Sir:

Responsive to the Communication mailed March 22, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Revised Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.